

## THE WAREHOUSE PLAN.

Senator Carlisle on the Farmers' Alliance Plan of Government Warehouses—He Believes the Scheme Impracticable.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—To B. F. Howard, of Tuscooke, Ala., Senator Carlisle has written a letter in response to Mr. Howard's request for the Senator's views upon the bill providing for a system of Government warehouses for farm products, upon which products treasury notes may be issued.

The Senator says: "The farmers have been taxed so long for the benefit of other classes, and there has been so much legislation for aggrandizement of corporations and syndicates that their patience is exhausted, and finding it impossible, for the time being at least, to abolish the system which has oppressed and despoiled the greatest industrial interest of the country, they are now demanding that the very policy which they have heretofore announced as unjust and ruinous shall be applied to them, or rather a part of them, for no scheme has yet been suggested that would operate alike on all farmers. But no evil can be corrected, no wrong can be righted by increasing its magnitude and extending the scope of its operations. There is but one effectual remedy for the evil which undoubtedly exists, and that is to reverse the policy which produced it."

The Senator, after rehearsing the features of the proposed sub-treasury plan and noting the facts that the farmers themselves will pay more than their fair share of the cost of erecting the warehouses and that the officers connected with them will be partisans of the Administration in power, says: "There are more than 2,800 counties in the United States. But not more than one-third of them, if that many, produce and sell annually more than \$500,000 worth of wheat, corn, oats, cotton and tobacco, and therefore not more than one-third of them could possibly avail themselves of this plan, if it were adopted, for the bill provides that a county, in order to secure a warehouse, must produce and sell annually farm products valued at \$500,000. It will be seen, therefore, at the very outset that it is a plan to compel the Government to issue and distribute money for the benefit of the people living in the rich and productive counties at the expense of the people living in the poorer and less productive ones. Moreover, it is a plan to enable unscrupulous speculators to take advantage of the farmers' pecuniary necessities and extort exorbitant prices for food from people who reside in cities, towns and villages and from people who reside in the country, but do not own these particular agricultural products. It is evident that no farmer will subject himself to the labor and expense of transporting his products to the public warehouse and to all the other charges which he must pay for storage, for handling and for taking care of them while there, when he has barns and granaries at home unless he is in debt and absolutely needs the money which the Government is to advance, and if he is in that unfortunate condition from what source is he afterward to acquire the means to redeem the products by returning the money and interest and paying the warehouse charges?"

"In a great majority of cases, he will never be able to redeem them, but will be forced to lose the remaining 20 per cent. of the value of his products, or sell his warehouse receipts for whatever he can get for them, which will be very little, for it must be remembered that after he gets his warehouse receipts he has a remaining interest of only 20 per cent., less charges for interest, storage, etc., and this is all he can dispose of. He will find the time rapidly approaching when he must have money to redeem his products or sell his small remaining interest in them, or allow them to be sold at public auction by the Government, and this will be the golden opportunity of the speculators, whose agents will swarm all over the country, ready to take the warehouse receipts from the embarrassed owners for a merely nominal sum. The receipt is simply a privilege of redemption, like a pawnbroker's ticket, and the farmer, being himself unable to redeem, will be forced ultimately to dispose of it at any price offered. I do not think that any considerable number of intelligent people in this country will unite in asking the Government to establish a system which will compel them in a large number of cases to sacrifice the products of their labor."

Senator Carlisle argues at some length to show that the plan proposed would produce an annual expansion and contraction of the currency which would result in absolutely destroying the market upon which the farmer must depend for the sale of his crops, and that the cotton farmers, who are supporting the scheme, would be especial sufferers, because the plan in his estimation, would close every cotton factory in the country. He says: "No such facilities as this project will afford for controlling the markets for purely speculative purposes have ever existed in this or any other country and no more perfect system for the oppression of the poor could be devised. The exact quantities in products on deposit in the several public warehouses will be known in every commercial and financial center and combinations to purchase and hold the receipts could be easily made, especially when they can be secured by the payment of a small per centum of the value of the deposit."

The Senator concludes by saying that even if such a scheme should benefit any class, he could not favor it as it would be a long step towards the consolidation of power in the hands of the Federal Government and a dangerous departure from the principle of our institutions.

## FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

A Powder House Struck By Lightning Is Followed by a Fearful Explosion—Several Persons Killed and Injured.

MANFIELD, O., June 4.—At four o'clock yesterday afternoon during a thunder storm, lightning struck a powder house one mile east of here, owned by Tracy & Avery, which contained over 5,000 pounds of powder.

A terrific explosion followed that was felt distinctly in all parts of the city. Hundreds of people were soon at the scene. Not a vestige of the little building was left, but a swath of destruction had been swept in every direction.

Just across the road was the dwelling of Henry Roost, in which at the time were his wife and three children. The house was shivered to atoms. One of the children, fifteen months old, was crushed and hurled thirty feet away, lifeless. Another, fourteen years old, was so badly injured that she will die, and the mother is yet unconscious from injuries that will likely prove fatal.

A new and unoccupied dwelling adjacent to the Roost house was leveled to the foundation. The force of the explosion was so terrific that the bricks of the powder house were hurled a full quarter of a mile away, the debris sweeping over the fields and through the adjacent woods, leaving a path like that of a shell-swept battlefield.

## EXPRESS COMPANIES.

The Kansas Railroad Commissioners Decide That They Must Accommodate Their Patrons.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 4.—The State Board of Railroad Commissioners has reaffirmed its decision in the complaint against the Wells-Fargo and Pacific Express Companies by the citizens of Lawrence. In all Kansas cities the express companies have established arbitrary limits, beyond which they refuse to deliver goods. A test case was made at Lawrence and the Railroad Commissioners ordered that the discriminations cease. A new hearing was obtained by the express companies, and yesterday the Commissioners reaffirmed their old decision.

In its decision the Board says: "It may well be admitted that express companies can not be required to carry on their business at a loss. They are entitled to a fair and reasonable compensation for the services they render. But the question arises, what may the public demand as a right from an express company, as a common carrier, at points where it has established its agencies and conducts its business? Among those it serves in like conditions or similar circumstances it may not discriminate, rendering to one a service it withholds from another, or charging for a service for one a larger sum than it at the same time charges for a similar service rendered for another."

## AN IOWA STORM.

Fatal Results of a Storm at an Iowa Village—Property Destroyed.

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 4.—A terrific storm visited Western Iowa Monday night. Rain fell in great quantities and in places the wind reached the force of a tornado, while the electric display was meteoric in its brilliancy.

At Glenwood, Mills County, the storm was very severe. The chimney of the institute for feeble-minded children blew down and crashed through the roof, killing two and injuring six others of the inmates.

The killed are: Willie Cline of Clark County and Wesley Emery of Monroe County. The injured are: John Swallow, Dubuque; Willie Prather, Wayne County; Fred Wright, Fort Dodge; Eddie Sweet, Lee County; Henry Snyder, Benton County, and Sam Askins, Council Bluffs. Several of the injured are not expected to recover.

The flour mill was wrecked and the cannery factory demolished. It was the worst storm in the history of the city.

At Council Bluffs cellars were flooded and culverts washed out. The contiguous country is inundated and crops in general are badly damaged and in some cases destroyed.

## THE SAC AND FOX TRIBE.

The Commission Makes an Offer to the Indians Which Will Leave Them Quite Wealthy.

SAC AND FOX AGENCY, I. T., June 4.—The Cherokee Commission at the National Council of the Sac Nation made an offer to give each member of the tribe 100 acres as an allotment, of which half shall be inalienable and untaxable for twenty-five years. For the residue of the land the amount to be paid depends upon where the allotments are taken, and ranges from \$400,000 to \$485,000. The Sac and Fox reservation contains 480,000 acres, of which 84,000 will go as allotments to 530 Indians, and the balance, if the offer is accepted, which seems probable, will be opened to white settlement. The offer of the Commission is from \$1 to \$1.25 an acre. The Sac tribe has already \$1,500,000 in the treasury, and if the offer is accepted will be very wealthy. It is probably the best tribe in the Territory in appearance, understanding and civilization.

## Drowned While Bathing.

HANNIBAL, Mo., June 4.—William Steers, of Wellsville, Mo., was drowned in Salt river in Ralls County, yesterday. He was bathing and was seized with cramps, drowning before assistance could reach him. He and his wife were visiting the family of Lewis Cupp when the accident occurred. The body was recovered and taken to Wellsville yesterday by the bereaved wife for interment. The deceased was a prominent resident of Wellsville.

## The President's Pardoning Power.

The Constitution of the United States gives to the President "power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment." The United States statutes further provide that when any offender is sentenced to two kinds of punishment—that is, to a fine and imprisonment—"the President shall have discretionary power to pardon or remit, in whole or in part, either one of the two kinds without in any manner impairing the validity of the other kind, or of any portion of either kind, not pardoned or remitted." Further, by the articles of war, the President has the power to postpone or prevent the death sentence declared by a court-martial by postponing or withholding his consent.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## She Knew.

"No, I never know where my husband is nights," remarked Mrs. Gabley to a lady to whom she had just been introduced. "Do you know where your's is, Mrs. Tompkins?" "Oh, yes," quietly replied Mrs. Tompkins. "I buried Mr. Tompkins in G— cemetery last spring."—West Shore.

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## THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, June 4.		
CATTLE—Shipping steers	3 25	@ 4 60
Butchers' steers	3 00	@ 4 00
Native cows	2 50	@ 3 11
HOGS—Good to choice heavy	5 00	@ 5 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	83	@ 90
No. 2 hard	83	@ 84 1/2
CORN—No. 2	28	@ 29
OATS—No. 2	27	@ 27 1/2
RYE—No. 2	45	@ 46
FLOUR—Patents, per sack	1 05	@ 2 25
Fancy	1 40	@ 1 45
HAY—Baled	5 50	@ 6 50
HUTTEN—Choice creamery	11	@ 18
CHEESE—Full cream	9	@ 9 1/2
EGGS—Choice	10	@ 11
BACON—Hams	10	@ 10 1/2
Shoulders	5	@ 6 1/2
Sides	7	@ 8
LARD	6 1/2	@ 6 3/4
POTATOES	35	@ 45
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE—Shipping steers	3 40	@ 4 80
Butchers' steers	3 00	@ 4 20
HOGS—Packing	3 30	@ 3 65
SHEEP—Fair to choice	4 00	@ 5 10
FLOUR—Choice	5 50	@ 4 85
WHEAT—No. 2 red	84 1/2	@ 90
CORN—No. 2	28	@ 29
OATS—No. 2	25	@ 26
RYE—No. 2	50 1/2	@ 51
BUTTER—Creamery	15	@ 18
PORK	12 00	@ 12 25
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Shipping steers	3 50	@ 4 90
HOGS—Packing and shipping	3 50	@ 4 05
SHEEP—Fair to choice	4 00	@ 5 15
FLOUR—Winter wheat	4 40	@ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	92	@ 92 1/2
CORN—No. 2	27	@ 28
OATS—No. 2	25 1/2	@ 26
RYE—No. 2	53	@ 53 1/2
HUTTEN—Creamery	15	@ 16
PORK	12 30	@ 12 35
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE—Common to prime	4 50	@ 5 15
HOGS—Good to choice	3 15	@ 4 40
FLOUR—Good to choice	4 40	@ 5 10
WHEAT—No. 2 red	94 1/2	@ 95
CORN—No. 2	40 1/2	@ 40 3/4
OATS—Western mixed	32	@ 33
BUTTER—Creamery	18	@ 24 1/2
PORK	12 00	@ 14 25



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